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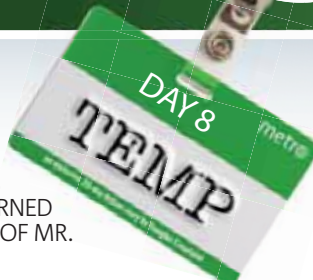
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FLAMES FALL TO SHARKS IN OT NAILBITER

Tomas Hertl of the San Jose Sharks tries to get the puck past a diving Reto Berra, who was making his debut at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Tuesday night. Sadly, Berra's solid performance in net was only good enough for a point as the Flames fell 3-2 in overtime. Story, page 32. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Rape culture' condom slogan 'sad,' MRU president says

**'Anonymously get
inside.'** Students under
fire plan to change
message

Students at Calgary's Mount Royal University have come under intense scrutiny from peers, faculty and even the institution's president after planning to distribute up to 1,000 condoms with the message "Anonymously get inside" on them.

Those most bothered by the initiative, steered by moderators with the MRU Confessions Facebook page, are alleging the slogan "promotes rape culture" and are demanding an apology.

"I was absolutely disgusted," said Katie Wotherspoon, who studies social work at MRU. "Seeing something like that, I took it offensively not only from my own perspective but

from that of the victim who might see something like that."

David Docherty, university president, was quick to point out both his staff and the campus students' association had no involvement with the controversial campaign. Docherty also highlighted numerous sexual-awareness events are held on campus annually, including one this Thursday.

But, even still, he conceded being frustrated.

"This just takes us a step backwards because two (or) three people didn't really think of the implications of what they were doing," Docherty said. "It's disheartening and sad — I hope people learn from it."

Reached Tuesday, the moderators of the page said they intend to solicit a new slogan from one of nearly 7,000 followers of their Facebook page, but maintained the condoms were meant purely as an "innocent joke."

"We weren't made aware of the gravity of it until people started mentioning it to us publicly.... I'll say that, on our part, maybe we should have thought it through," said one man, who refused to give his name and identified himself only as Admin Two.

"Some people say stupid things, some people laugh at stupid things and sometimes you just don't realize what other people are going to think about it — that's all," the administrator added.

Debate over proper sexual consent and women's rights have surged to the forefront in recent months after student-led pro-rape chants surfaced at both St. Mary's University and UBC.

Jane Drover, a woman's literature professor at MRU, said there was no excuse for the slogan, adding other professors she's discussed the matter with are "outraged."

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Paralympian

Court sentences blind ex-athlete to jail for sex assault

The Alberta Court of Appeal has ruled a blind man who once competed for Canada in the Paralympic games will serve jail time for sexual assault.

Keith Myette of Calgary was convicted in 2011 of attacking his roommate as she slept. He was sentenced to 18 months house arrest.

Provincial court Judge Heather Lamoureaux said Myette could not be reasonably accommodated in jail. But in a 2-1 ruling Tuesday, the Appeal Court panel threw out the original decision and sentenced Myette to 90 days in jail to be served on weekends, plus one year of probation.

"Although imprisonment may have a disproportionate effect on the disabled, this cannot be used to forgo the imposition of custodial sentences where it would otherwise be warranted," wrote the justices. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Alta. school trustee resigns after racist tweets

A newly elected Alberta school trustee who was criticized for racist, homophobic and sexist tweets has stepped down.

In his resignation letter to the Battle River School Division, Jim Andre apologized to those who voted for him, adding he didn't intend for this to happen.

The board said it will give social media and digital citizenship training to its members. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Calgary sports teams are concerned closing even one of the three flood-hit sports fields at Shouldice Athletic Park, pictured, would exacerbate the citywide crunch over playing spaces. **GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO**

Shouldice fields may close in flood fallout

Repairs. Soccer, football groups worried about impact of potential closures



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Three of Calgary's rare artificial sports fields may be closed for flood-related repairs starting in 2014, sparking concerns from teams who claim there already aren't enough places to play.

Testing is being done at Shouldice Athletic Park after Bow River deposits clogged the drainage pathways in

June's historic flood, making for a boggy base underneath the trio of turf fields.

"Preliminary testing on the peripheries of the fields has indicated yes, there (are) some issues," city recreation spokesperson Michele McDonald said Tuesday.

In a worst-case scenario, Hellard, Stampeder and Encana fields would be closed for turf replacement, McDonald continued, adding the impact would be made "very minimal" by only closing one field at a time over three years.

Officials with Calgary's minor soccer and football associations — the two most active field users — were much more wary of closing even one pitch.

"We're already short fields

of good quality like that in the city so it's going to have a huge impact," said Daryl Leinweber, executive director for the Calgary Minor Soccer Association.

Minor football coach Terry Swanney also raised concerns over player-safety issues arising from playing on increasingly worn-down grass fields.

"Last year we practised at (Bishop O'Byrne High School) and the fields were in terrible condition," said Swanney of the Colts football club. "I had probably six guys injured every week."

The Shouldice fields, on the other hand, "could sustain 24-7 usage" and provided a cushion landing place, he added.

In depth

- Council has been asked for \$300,000 to shore up the fields, according to documents released last week.
- There are six artificial fields in Calgary. The city is developing three outdoor, artificial-turf fields around the Subway Soccer Centre, starting in the spring.
- The Shouldice fields are heralded as convenient places to stage tournaments due to short travel time between venues and lower staffing requirements.

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Calgary Transit considers phone payment option

Looking forward.
Electronic-fare system still in development; launch date unclear



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Calgary commuters can already use their phones to pay for parking and hop aboard a plane — and soon, they may be able to do much the same to ride the bus or train.

Calgary Transit officials are considering a “mobile ticketing” option as part of their new account-based electronic-fare system, confirmed spokesperson Theresa

Schroder in an interview on Tuesday.

“Providing options for customers is definitely important to most companies,” she said.

Schroder said the idea is light on specifics because they still need to do more research, but said such an offering would likely replace paper tickets — and potentially even monthly passes — for mobile-savvy transit riders.

The “mobile ticketing” option was included in a 2014 budget-adjustments report issued to city council last week. In all, \$11 million is being requested to see the electronic-fare system through between 2015 and 2017.

Transit officials previously took a shot at developing a similar model in late 2010,

Popular idea

Mobile payment was advocated by some citizens during development of Calgary's RouteAhead plan, which aims to map out transit service in the city over the next 30 years, said a Calgary Transit spokesperson.

but that pilot was dogged by repeated delays and practical errors.

Jeremy Barretto, co-founder of civic-action group TransitCamp, said he sees mobile payment as part of a broader offering that would allow people to pay for multiple city services using one card or account.



Calgary Transit riders may soon be able to sign on to their smartphones and pay to ride the bus or train. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

Another penguin falls to fungal infection



Dr. Sandie Black, head of veterinary services at the Calgary Zoo, points to an X-ray of Houdini, who has been put down. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

One more penguin has died at the Calgary Zoo.

Zoo officials say they made the “difficult” decision to euthanize Houdini, a 14-month-old male Gentoo penguin, on Sunday.

They say Houdini had been sick for almost a month and a necropsy confirmed he had severe aspergillosis, a fungal infection that affects the bird's respiratory system. Officials say it is a common cause of death for penguins in captivity.

Dr. Sandie Black, head of veterinary services, says the massive flooding in June may have increased the risk of catching the disease, as dampness helps the fungi grow and spread.

Eduardo, a Humboldt penguin, died Oct. 13 from aspergillosis, as did Asa, a King penguin, in February.

“As a precaution, all penguins have been proactively treated for aspergillosis, as they were in the days immediately following the flood

Death toll

7

Houdini was the seventh penguin under the care of the Calgary Zoo to die since its Penguin Plunge exhibit opened in early 2012.

in June.”

Black also says they may be dealing with drug-resistant fungi.

“Some of our penguins

are not responding to current therapy as we would expect. Further testing is underway to determine if this is the case.

“In addition, we are in discussions with other penguin specialists around the world to learn from their experiences and may invite other experts to review our facilities and risk factors,” she said in a news release.

Black said the fungi pose little risk to humans.

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Amber Alyssa Tuccaro

Billboards bear face of victim in unsolved killing

Police are hoping two new billboards in Leduc County will provide more leads for an unsolved homicide.

The billboards feature a picture of Amber Alyssa Tuccaro, who went missing back in August 2010. They also ask, “Have you heard the voice?” in the hope that citizens can help identify a man heard in a cellphone conversation with Tuccaro, released by Project KARE

members as part of the investigation.

“It's really just an appeal to the public to take the time to go listen to the voice on the website. We're doing everything we can to help the family out and move the investigation forward,” said Cpl. J.P. Zenko with Project KARE.

This isn't the first time a billboard has been used in a murder investigation. In this case, police want the billboards — located on Airport Road and Highway 814 as well as south of Nisku — to attract the attention of drivers heading into the Nisku industrial area daily.

Tuccaro was last seen in Nisku back in 2010, with her remains found two years later by horseback riders on a rural property in Leduc County.

The 20-year-old's family said they are still devastated over the loss of a daughter and sister and want to see justice delivered.

“I believe in what-goes-around-comes-around and whoever did this, it'll come back to him. I can't wait for the day that it does happen ... I just want to find justice for my sister,” said Paul Tuccaro.

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Dine-and-dasher's doppelganger pleads his innocence

Striking resemblance.

Russ Gaida says he has nothing to do with high-end restaurant scam

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Despite any apparent likeness to Calgary's now-infamous dapper dine-and-dasher, Russ

Gaida wants you to know he pays his restaurant tabs.

Gaida, 24, said he was bombarded by playful jabs from colleagues Tuesday after media reports identified a suspect wanted by police for allegedly dodging the bill at three high-end eateries.

"It was a bunch of people at work and Facebook and 20 people text-messed me," he said. "It got to the point where I was like, 'Yeah I know

Wrong face, wrong time

"I'm not too big on fancy dinners." Russ Gaida

I look like the guy."

In one case, the co-owner of a Kensington restaurant claims the business was scammed out of \$158.

The 24-year-old car salesman acknowledges some similarities to the suspect

identified in security footage: glasses, nose and hairdo. Gaida, but he contended he's not one to don a three-piece suit and hit up the trendy spots that allege they were duped by his doppelganger: Muse, Teatro and Blink.

"I'm a pretty cheap eater — that's for sure," he said. "I'm not too big on fancy dinners or partaking in lifestyles of the rich and famous of Calgary."



Russ Gaida uploaded this comparison of himself, left, to a suspect identified for allegedly skipping out on a big bill at an upscale restaurant. CONTRIBUTED

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90% of claims

Feds paying out \$2.8B to Alberta for flood claims

Ottawa has earmarked \$2.8 billion to pay for Alberta's flood-recovery costs.

Federal Employment Minister Jason Kenney says the amount is 90 per cent of the \$3.1 billion in claims that Alberta submitted following devastating floods that hit southern Alberta in June.

The federal government reimburses provinces for up to 90 per cent of approved claims under the disaster assistance agreement between Ottawa and the provinces.

Kenney says the number isn't written in stone and could be slightly higher or lower once all the claims are in.

He says it's too soon to say when the province will receive all the cash.

The total price tag for June's floods so far sits in excess of \$6 billion.

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Stay Dead. Calgarians to fight for their survival in live-action zombie event

Do you have what it takes to survive a zombie apocalypse? Calgarians will get a chance to test their skills next March.

As part of a live-action zombie submersion event, participants will have to act out their designated character and fight to stay alive for 18 hours with only a backpack filled with protein bars, water and a small weapon.

With 300 people expected to participate, the Stay Dead event will start off with only a handful of costumed zombies, but as people travel through the environment, more people will be lost to the undead state, until there is only one left standing.

Event manager and Calgary native Mark-Anthony Howards-Stones wants to bring the idea to Edmonton first in February after hosting three international events. He wanted to host an event that would not only scare people, but feel more lifelike than a smaller-scale event.

"It's going to be as realistic as you would ever want to get to it," said Howards-Stones.

The March event will be 18 years or older, with a second day event planned for people 16 years or older.

The event costs \$150 for players and \$80 for zombies. Registration can be done at staydeadevents.webs.com.

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Zombies will walk around an undisclosed location for a zombie apocalypse simulation game. COURTESY MARK-ANTHONY HOWARDS-STONES

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Walking Man, a statue reputed to be by Auguste Rodin but possibly a fake, was displayed in 2001 at the Royal Ontario Museum. CONTRIBUTED

Disputed Rodin.

Calgary lawyers ordered to take back Walking Man sculpture in bizarre legal case



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Two Calgary lawyers are stuck with a potentially worthless hunk of plaster and a hefty bill following a bizarre court battle.

The long-running legal brouhaha was waged over the now-damaged Walking Man — an Auguste Rodin sculpture once appraised at \$450,000 — that was loaned to an Ontario art gallery in 2001.

"Sadly, Walking Man is the subject of what in the art world is known as a failed 'art flip' for tax purposes," reads a decision published this month from Ontario Superior Court Justice Guy DiTomaso. "It has become the rejected gift

that keeps on giving."

Walking Man became embroiled in an international criminal investigation in 2004 while in possession of the MacLaren Art Centre in Barrie, Ont. The sculpture was sent to an Ottawa-area facility for inspection by French authorities, who were probing its link to a convicted fraudster.

Around the same time, the increasingly cash-strapped art gallery asked Calgary lawyers Grant Vogeli and Dino Deluca to take back their gift but that request was ignored, according to court documents.

It was then sent back to a warehouse in Toronto in November 2006 and gallery staff reported the sculpture was damaged when they unpacked it the next fall.

The sculpture sat for more than two years.

Then in 2009, the Calgary lawyers filed for \$500,000 in damages in a lawsuit, claiming the piece was now "worthless."

The art gallery countered to recoup mounting

storage fees.

A decision was finally made this month after much deliberation over the case.

DiTomaso ruled the lawyers had waited too long to file their legal papers. In the process, DiTomaso tossed out the damage claims and ordered the Calgary lawyers to pay \$8,500 in storage fees.

Arnold Schwisberg, lawyer for the MacLaren's insurer, XL Insurance, called it "a tantalizing case" and said he's fielded worldwide media requests in the wake of the decision.

Vogeli declined comment and Deluca could not be reached.

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BreathingRoom helps with 'heck of a life change'

'We are all struggling.' Mental-health program for students at Mount Royal dubbed a Canadian first

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Mount Royal university students will get the chance to breathe a little easier this year as the school's wellness center introduces "BreathingRoom" a new program to help students with the stresses of daily life both in and outside of the classroom.

The program is presented by MRU in partnership with the Canadian Institute of Natural and Integrative Medicine, and aims to break down the

social stigma of mental illness, providing students with support and workshops to help get them through what university President David Docherty calls "a heck of a life change."

Dr. Badri Rickhi, who directed the development of the program along with Doctor John Toews, says with cases of anxiety and depression steadily on the rise among young adults, BreathingRoom allows students to take time to

themselves to do modules that build "resiliency" such as compassion, stress management and mindfulness.

"We start in a non-judgmental way to acknowledge that we are all struggling. We try to come up with simple diversions in thinking that will take them (the students) from where they're stuck, into an area where they have more hope and more passion for life."



Dr. Badri Rickhi, one of the developers of Mount Royal University's BreathingRoom. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO




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Valentine Degenhardt

RCMP lay charges after B.C. murder victim last seen near Barrhead

Police are still looking for the body of missing British Columbia man Valentine Degenhardt, who was last seen at the Barrhead gas station on July 17.

Police were recently led to Degenhardt's 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee in a remote area off Highway 32 between Whitecourt and Swan Hills, approximately two hours northwest of Edmonton after hikers found the vehicle.

Three individuals from Barrhead have been charged in relation to the alleged murder of Degenhardt.

METRO IN EDMONTON

Drumheller Institute

Killer pleads guilty to escape while on day pass, taking people hostage

A convicted killer has pleaded guilty to 14 charges related to his escape while on a prison day pass and to several hostage-takings while he was on the run.

William Bicknell admitted to unlawful confinement, escaping lawful custody, robbery and weapons offences. He was serving time at Drumheller Institution in southern Alberta and was on an escorted trip to visit his sister in Edmonton in 2011 when he overtook his guard. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Get the shot, I did: Nenshi

Alberta Health Services nurse Janet Li gives Mayor Naheed Nenshi his flu shot at Northgate Mall Flu Clinic Tuesday. The mayor encourages all Calgarians to get their shot, calling it "the right thing to do."

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Artist explains bizarre Moscow protest

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Metro World News in Moscow

The performance artist who was arrested after stripping naked and nailing his scrotum to the cobblestones of Red Square has been released. Pyotr Pavlensky, 29, drove a nail through his genitals on Sunday while sitting on Russia's most famous square be-

fore police took him to the hospital and then to custody. A court dismissed charges of "petty hooliganism" and released him Monday. Metro spoke with Pavlensky to find out how he managed to perform his stunt.

Q: How did you pull this stunt before they could stop you?

A: I understood that there is surveillance everywhere. But

I had an advantage because every other illegal protest on Red Square has people waving flags and is very visible. The police can react on such things.

Q: What was the message behind your performance?

A: I heard that when conditions are bad in prison, convicts drive nails into their bodies. To this I added an act of humility be-

fore my country. What I mean is that people find what is excessive, on what nails them but they do nothing. It makes them feel helpless.

Q: Did you speak with doctors about the possible consequences of such performance?

A: I didn't notice any consequences to my health. You know, I didn't try to nail my

eye! When I was nailing my testicles I wasn't scared at all, but when I was preparing (for the stunt), I was. All the fears and phobias doubled up.

Q: How did you prepare?

A: I thought about my clothes. And I tried to undress quickly. I had to be sure that I could take off my clothes in 40 seconds. Otherwise, the stunt could fail.

No stranger to pain

- In 2012, the artist sewed his mouth shut with a coarse thread in support of Pussy Riot.
- In May this year, in a demonstration called "Carcass," Pavlensky wrapped his naked body in a "cocoon" of barbed wire until he was freed with wire clippers.

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Workers uncrate a pendulum sculpture near Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., prior to its being reinstalled Tuesday. It was removed in September due to safety concerns as the cable had begun to fray as students used it to mimic a Miley Cyrus video.

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Was she playing Miley? Spanish woman sues piano-playing neighbour

To most people, noise pollution is a jet engine roaring over their head. For one Spanish woman, it was a neighbour practising piano.

The woman has taken her neighbours in the apartment below — a 27-year-old pianist and her parents — to court. Now prosecutors want to send all three to jail for over seven years on charges of psychological damage and noise pollution.

Neighbours often complain about street and bar noise in Spain, but prosecutors seeking jail time for someone playing

the piano is unheard of — especially since that musician is now a professional concert pianist.

At the trial in the northeastern city of Girona, Sonia Bosom claimed she suffered noise pollution from 2003 to 2007 due to the five-days-a-week, eight-hour practice sessions of Laia Martin.

Martin, 27, denies that she played at home that often.

On Monday, the El Pais newspaper reported that Bosom told the court she now hates pianos so much she can't even stand to see them in a film.

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B.C. woman forced to leave her condo after years of complaints

Forced to sell.

Neighbours of Rose Jordison claim her son screamed obscenities, made rude gestures and spit at them

A woman's home may be her castle, but British Columbia's Appeal Court says she still must play nice with the neighbours.

The province's highest court has upheld a rare judgment that ordered a Vancouver-area woman to sell her condo after years of complaints.

The B.C. Supreme Court issued a ruling earlier this year that ordered Rose Jordison to sell her suite in a Surrey strata development following an avalanche of complaints about the behaviour of the woman's son, Jordy.

Jordison appealed, arguing the court did not have the

power to interfere with her property rights.

But the Appeal Court issued a unanimous decision on Tuesday that said provincial legislation permits a court-ordered sale in such extreme cases.

"The competing private property interest ... must, in my opinion, yield to the rights and duties of the collective as embodied in the (strata) bylaws and enforceable by court order," Justice Ian Donald wrote for the

three-judge panel.

The case is believed to be the first in B.C. in which a court has ordered the sale of a condo due to neighbour complaints.

The Jordisons moved into the strata complex in mid-2006, and by the following year, they had racked up more than two dozen complaints, mostly related to noise.

Over the next several years, residents continued to lodge complaints about Jordison's son, who they claimed

loudly stomped around the family's unit and harassed other residents by screaming obscenities, making rude gestures and spitting at them.

Jordison has suggested her son's behaviour is related to autism, though the court hasn't heard any medical evidence to support that. She also filed a human rights complaint, but withdrew it after the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal requested medical documentation.

Her lawyer, John Zelj-

Castle hassle

"The old adage 'a man's home is his castle' is subordinated by the exigencies of modern living in a condominium setting."

Justice Ian Donald

kovich, declined to comment after the decision was released Tuesday.

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London

Plan to let seniors bike on sidewalks may still go ahead

London, Ont.'s director of roads and transportation admits it's more dangerous for cyclists to ride on sidewalks than on city streets, but said seniors may still be allowed to do so.

Ed Soldo said a plan to allow London's seniors to use sidewalks rather than traffic-heavy streets may still fly, but after several people voiced concerns about the proposal, more public input is required before it gets the green light.

The idea was pitched after the city consulted with seniors and many said they feel more at risk on streets.

METRO IN LONDON

Laval, Que. Three girls suffer minor injuries after car crashes into daycare

Three young girls escaped with minor injuries Tuesday after a car smashed through the plate-glass window of the daycare centre they attended and came to rest in a play area.

The children were rushed to hospital for treatment along with the driver of the car, an 80-year-old woman who suffered shock and minor injuries to her back, said Const. Franco Di Genova.

The three girls were aged three, four and five years old and were not seriously injured. Di Genova said, adding one of them had been released from hospital and another was ex-

pected to be sent home by the end of the afternoon.

One little girl was either hit by the vehicle or flying debris and suffered wounds to her face, said Di Genova. She was expected to be released from hospital on Wednesday.

A doctor at Montreal's Ste-Justine Hospital said she is stable and that the injuries could have been much worse.

"We're pleased the injuries are not as serious as we could imagine given the situation," said Dr. Antonio D'Angelo, the emergency room chief at the hospital.

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A police officer surveys the scene after a car crashed into a daycare centre in Laval, Que., Tuesday. Three children were taken to hospital with minor injuries. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford holds a bobblehead doll of himself at Toronto's city hall on Tuesday. Hundreds lined up to be the first to own the Mayor Rob Ford doll, the proceeds of which go to charity. The \$20 bobbleheads were restricted to one per person, and with only 1,000 made, they quickly sold out. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ford keeping his head up

Admitting to having smoked crack cocaine and drinking himself into a stupor is no reason for Toronto Mayor Rob Ford to take time out to seek help, his brother said Tuesday.

Despite intense pressure on Ford to step down, Coun. Doug Ford insisted the mayor would not do so, saying he is getting "the support he needs."

"He doesn't want to be stepping aside for two weeks," Ford said. "He has to keep busy."

On Wednesday, a city councillor is expected to put for-

ward a non-binding motion demanding Ford take a leave of absence.

Motion sponsor Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong has said he planned to ask council to petition the province to oust Ford if he doesn't step aside.

Doug Ford, his brother's ardent defender, said he expected a "very political" week.

"Of course, it will be a flogging," the councillor said.

Meanwhile, the notorious, 90-second cellphone video appearing to show Ford smoking

crack cocaine was brought to a Toronto courtroom Tuesday by a police officer on a password-protected, encrypted drive.

Ontario Superior Court Judge Ian Nordheimer watched the videos in chambers as he considered an application by a man seen posing with the mayor in a widely published photograph for access to the video.

Nordheimer could also rule at any time on releasing remaining parts of a document that shed light on Ford's rela-

Quoted

"He's apologized profusely and I don't know how many more times he can apologize."

Toronto Coun. Doug Ford

tionship with his friend Alexander (Sandro) Lisi, an alleged drug dealer who also faces extortion charges in relation to the video. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Philippines aid efforts pick up, but massive needs still unmet

Tacloban. The city of 220,000 bore the full force of the winds and the tsunami-like storm surges Friday

malls and garages, where they have stripped the shelves of food, water and other goods. Authorities have struggled to stop the looting. There have been unconfirmed reports of armed gangs involved in some instances.

The incident shows the urgency in getting food and water distributed to the disaster zone.

Aviation authorities said two more airports in the region had reopened, allowing for more aid flights.

U.S. Brig Gen. Paul Kennedy said that later Wednesday his troops would install equipment at Tacloban airport to allow planes to land at night. Tacloban city was almost completely destroyed in Friday's typhoon and has become the main relief hub.

"You are not just going to see Marines and a few planes and some helicopters," Kennedy said. "You will see the entire Pacific Command respond to this crisis."

A Norwegian ship carrying supplies left from Manila, while an Australian air force transport plane took off from Canberra carrying a medical team. British and American navy vessels are also en route

Relief operations in this typhoon-devastated region of the Philippines picked up pace Wednesday, but the minimal amounts of water, food and medical supplies reaching the hardest-hit areas were causing increasingly desperate survivors to take matters into their own hands.

In the first reported deaths as a result of looting, eight people were crushed to death when a wall collapsed as they and thousands of others stormed a rice warehouse on Leyte Island, the worst-hit region by Friday's storm, said National Food Authority spokesman Rex Estoperez.

The looters in Alangalang municipality Tuesday carted away up to 100,000 sacks of rice, he said.

Since the storm, people have broken into homes,



Philippine military personnel try to prioritize children and women first as people wait for evacuation flights in Tacloban, central Philippines, Tuesday. WALLY SANTANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The aftermath

President Benigno Aquino III told CNN in a televised interview that the toll could be closer to 2,000 or 2,500, lower than an earlier estimate from two officials on the ground who said they feared as many as 10,000 might be dead.

- 8 crushed to death when thousands looted a government rice warehouse.
- 1,883 confirmed dead.
- At least 2,487 people hurt.
- 11 million people affected by the storm, UN humanitarian affairs estimates.
- No reports so far of Canadian deaths or injuries.

to the region.

The damaged airport on Tacloban, a coastal city of 220,000, houses makeshift clinics and thousands of people looking for a flight out. A doctor here said supplies of antibiotics and anes-

thetics arrived Tuesday for the first time.

"Until then, patients had to endure the pain," said Dr. Victoriano Sambale.

The winds levelled tens of thousands of homes in the region, which is used to

typhoons. In some places, tsunami-like storm surges swept up to one-kilometre inland, causing more destruction and loss of life. At least 580,000 people have been displaced. Most of the death and destruction appears con-

centrated on the islands of Samar and Leyte.

The damaged infrastructure and bad communications links made a conclusive death toll difficult to estimate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Disaster relief

Canadian military team reaches Philippines

A Canadian reconnaissance team landed Tuesday in the Philippines for talks with local officials on how best to provide military help to the Southeast Asian country in the wake of last week's vicious typhoon.

But Canada's larger, military Disaster Assistance Response Team, which deployed for the

Philippines on Monday, is currently in Hawaii, waiting for specifics on how and where it can help.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said the DART will be available "at a moment's notice" once the Canadian advance team has provided its assessment.

The advance team includes 17 Canadian Forces personnel and about a dozen civilians, mainly from Foreign Affairs, the minister added. They arrived Tuesday morning in the capital, Manila.

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Mexico City

Gunmen kill deported Montreal man

Mexican authorities said Monday that they are investigating the shooting death of an Italian man linked to organized crime in Montreal who was killed inside a restaurant in the resort city of Acapulco.

Guerrero state prosecutors said witnesses told investigators the man was sitting at a table Sunday night inside an Italian res-

taurant on Acapulco's main tourist thoroughfare when two men approached him, one of whom pulled out a gun and shot him in the back and head.

Prosecutors said in a statement released Monday that they have contacted the Italian Embassy in Mexico City to send the body back to Italy.

The Mexican media identified the man as 68-year-old Moreno Gallo, who served time in Canada and was ultimately deported in January 2012 for his links to organized crime.

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Lesbians targeted

5 women jailed under Senegal's anti-gay law

Senegalese police detained five women accused of violating the country's anti-gay law, highlighting increased pressure on suspected lesbians in the deeply conservative West African nation, an activist group said Tuesday.

The five women were detained early Monday morning during a birthday party at a restaurant in

Dakar's Yoff district that has been described in the Senegalese press as a meeting point for gay men and lesbians, said Ndeye Kebe, president of the activist group Women's Smile.

The oldest of the suspects, 31-year-old Sene Dieng, is an assistant director at Women's Smile, the only group in Senegal to advocate for lesbians' rights. The five women were expected to appear in court Tuesday, though Kebe said they had been unable to afford a lawyer.

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A young man attempted to extort nude photographs of women including Miss Teen USA Cassidy Wolf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hacker spied on Miss Teen USA

Cybercrime. 19-year-old secretly photographed Miss Teen USA and other young women with their own webcams

A computer-science student pleaded guilty Tuesday in Santa Ana, Calif., to hacking into the computers of at least a dozen women, including Miss Teen USA Cassidy Wolf.

"I hacked several girls' computers and, using their webcams, took photos of them

Threats

"Your dream of being a model will be transformed into a porn star."

Jared James Abrahams told Cassidy Wolf, according to an FBI affidavit.

when they weren't aware," Jared James Abrahams said in court.

Abrahams faces up to 11 years in prison and fines of up to \$1 million.

Court records say he sent the women anonymous emails telling them he had down-

loaded nude photos of them. He told them he would publish the images on social media sites if they didn't send him additional pictures or undress for him.

In Wolf's case, Abrahams was able to take nude photos of her without her knowledge, authorities said. He posted a naked photo of Wolf online after she didn't respond to him.

Abrahams told the judge he has autism and has been under treatment for the past 10 years. He said he was on three medications Tuesday, but he said they wouldn't affect his ability to enter a guilty plea.

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British Columbia

Organic farmers concerned about new GM apple

The Society for a GE-Free BC and the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network are staging a series of events in British Columbia and Alberta to raise awareness about a new genetically engineered apple that doesn't brown.

They say the United States is one step closer to approving the genetically modified apple but organic farmers are concerned it will lead to GM contamination in other crops. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Security. New study warns clear policies needed before drones take flight

A groundbreaking research report on drones urges government to create policies about the sort of personal information flying drones are allowed to collect before Canadian police and others begin using them on a large scale.

It says unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, can offer potentially significant cost savings for police and could be useful for responding to emergencies or performing mundane chores.

However, the "potential for intrusive and massive surveillance" means public discussion

is needed to reassure Canadians they will not be arbitrarily spied on. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A Draganflyer drone is photographed during a test flight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vancouver picks up new habit: Recycling pesky cigarette butts

Up in smoke. The busy city has launched a project to turn butts, which litter its sidewalks, into industrial plastics



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Metro in Vancouver

Smoke 'em if you got 'em — just don't forget to recycle 'em afterward.

Vancouver launched the world's first municipal cigarette butt recycling program on Tuesday, a pilot project that aims to get butts off the streets.

TerraCycle, a global company that recycles "stuff that can't be recycled" like chewing gum and dirty diapers, will install 110 re-

Reaction

- **Sherri, smoker:** "I always put it in the garbage — I try to be respectful. I think these are very productive things."
- **Charles Gauthier, Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association:** "This is a better solution since it deals with end product. All we were doing before was picking them up and throwing them away."
- **Irritated smoker:** "What about the people who pick up cigarette butts and roll their own smokes?"

cycling receptacles with stickers that say "Recycle

Your Butts Here" TerraCycle founder Tom Szaky said Monday.

Staff from Downtown Eastside non-profits EMBERS and United We Can will collect the butts, with the bottle depot shipping the waste to TerraCycle for processing into industrial plastics.

TerraCycle is funding the pilot with the goal of replicating the program around the world.

"Vancouver was the first city, so we wanted to invest in it to make it happen," Szaky said. Two major American cities are already looking at copying the idea, he added.

The city will conduct "litter audits" before and after the bins were installed to see if cigarette waste actually decreases.



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Sotheby's auctions are headlined by Wednesday's offering of The Pink Star, a vivid and flawless 59.60-carat diamond estimated to be worth more than \$60 million US. The pricey jewel is the most valuable diamond ever to be offered at auction. A bevy of Swiss jewels, art, wine and watches are being auctioned in Geneva this week, where wealthy buyers flock or phone in from around the world. KEYSTONE/MARTIAL TREZZIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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Science fiction is now reality, with finger scanners in use in the U.S.

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Amazon is hoping the stars of its new show, *Betas*, will help lure subscribers to its burgeoning streaming service. AMAZON STUDIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Streaming services upping the ante

Following on heels of Netflix, Hulu. Amazon is latest to produce original shows, giving cable TV a run for its money

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The death of TV as we know it?

"In the old days, I remember if you were a film actor, you didn't do TV.... That wall came down many years ago. Now, I think the same thing is happening on the web."

Ed Begley Jr., who stars in *Betas*, says shows for a streaming service are now seen in the same light as a traditional cable TV show.

been filmed, another production is in full swing. A set depicting a high-tech, two-story office is hosting a boozy party scene for *Betas*, a comedy about a quirky crew of app creators in

Silicon Valley.

But unlike its neighbouring productions, the new series will likely never air on TVs. Instead, it will stream on them, in addition to many other devices.

Betas is one of the first original series from Amazon, the online retail giant who's taking a cue from Netflix and Hulu by producing its own shows that will only be available on Amazon Instant Video, a content service for paying members.

Amazon's move into content creation is another click in the evolution of online video, legitimized earlier this year by the success of *House of Cards*, the political drama from online streaming service Netflix Inc. starring Kevin Spacey.

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Day 8

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Help really wanted

A good nanny is hard to find

Although it seems there's no shortage of help-wanted and job-seeker postings for temporary workers online, some say finding a temporary worker is harder than some might think.

Melissa Namer, a Moose Jaw resident trying to find a child-care provider to look after her kids while she returns to school, said she's had no luck finding a temporary worker.

"I've had that ad up for about a month and I've had no successful people (apply)," she said in a phone interview.

"It's mostly teenagers and young kids who just want to make a few bucks, while I'm looking for someone to look after my kids while I'm in school."

She said while there has been some response, those applying have been under-qualified or unwilling to commit.

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Jq Frost, the star of *Supernanny*
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Temp Stumbles Upon a Shootout

"Get back!" A policeman standing in front of the yellow-taped off parking lot barked at us to move. We saw police snipers on the roof.

Sarah No. 3 was close by and we asked what was happening.

"Kevin Taylor is bunkered inside the remains of the warehouse."

"And...?"

"He says he's going to kill himself."

"Oh God. Any hostages?"

"They don't think so."

Talk about drama. Just then, the Shoeman and his father, Xu Senior, pulled up across the street and came over. We filled them in. Xu Senior went in pursuit of more info while, as per our agreement, Shoeman pretended to speak English as though he'd been taught in Peoples' Glorious Education Facility Number 43,607: "This episode with gun create many unglorious feng shui problems. May jeopardize once benevolent deal to buy company."

The Sarahs both saw their buyout stake evaporating, panicked, and went to hunt for Mel from Payroll.

Shoeman reached into a Whole Foods paper bag for snacks. Once the Sarahs were out of earshot I asked him what he was eating.

"Two hundred bucks worth of raw unfarmed British Columbia salmon. Nothing like it

for marathon training. Want some?"

"Ick, no thanks. Would a shooting really kill the sale of the company?"

"My dad's totally old school. He can't buy a building someone's died in. A standoff like this could be just as bad. I could care less, but I think we have to fly back to China tonight and discuss this with the family."

"Really?"

"Yup. Which also upsets my training schedule, because yesterday I found this perfect running track nearby — an elementary school they closed because of tax cuts. The soft unmown grass is perfect on my feet."

I grew worried... "What about ...what about our secret plan?"

He winked at me. "One day at a time, Shannon. By the way, I was guest at a poker night and I found out what they make at the defense contractor next door there."

It was like in the movies: guys in black running across the roof, with more guys closing in from all sides.



"What?"
"In-dash beverage caddies for drones."

"My sister would love that — hey wait — drones are unmanned!"

"Gotcha."

Then shots rang out. Holy crap! We ran and ducked behind a pickup. It was like in the movies: guys in black running across the roof, with more guys closing in from all sides. I was really frightened Kevin would get killed. He's a nice guy but life simply hasn't been too kind to him lately.

There was some silence and then we heard squeaking wheels, like a child's toy wagon. A moving dolly rolled out of the open double-wide doors of the ware-

Random fact of the day

Some people just can't cope in a sticky situation.

- Arachibutrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.

SOURCE: ASK.COM



house. Duct-taped on top of it was a poorly-made effigy of Kevin from the waist up. It was holding a broomstick as a rifle and was shot through with bullets.

"Uh oh." **TO BE CONTINUED...**

Random biz fact of the day

23%

Watch your language when you slam that overhyped Thai-food place: 23 per cent of employers review candidates' posts on Yelp.com and other rating sites. SOURCE: NEXCAREER

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BALONEY IS AS BALONEY DOES

The Internet has changed everything, from shopping to sex.

It's even changed cheating. There's a web site based in Toronto called Ashley Madison that caters to consenting married people looking for an affair.

And it makes no bones about it: "Life is short. Have an affair" is the tag line.

The site contends that there are zillions of other like-minded cheaters just like you looking for a dangerous liaison. But one woman says many of the adventurous females on the site are fake profiles.

And she should know. She wrote 'em.

Someone named Dorian Silva claims she wrote 1,000 fake profiles in three weeks, so many that she came down with severe carpal tunnel syndrome, and is now suing the website for \$20 million US for damages.

There's no honour among cheats, apparently.

Ashley Madison is owned by Toronto businessman Noel Bi-



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derman, who is worth \$100 million US according to CelebrityNetWorth.com, mainly on the strength of AshleyMadison.com. There is no actual Ashley Madison, but that hasn't stopped over 17 million people from trying to hook up with her.

Biderman told Barbara Walters on The View that the reason the site is so popular is that it focuses on the needs of adult female cheetahs — and nothing attracts a male of the species more than a female of the same species.

So it's important that AshleyMadison.etc is fully stocked with attractive adult female cheetahs, even if they allegedly have to make up so many fakes that the profilers sustain \$20-million injuries.

Faced with Ms. Silva's not-so-shocking revelation, AshleyMadison.etc is crying foul, contending that it's "100 per cent authentic" and the company "won't give in to extortion." It also sent Business Insider pics of Dorian, taken from her Facebook

page, riding a jet ski and playing the bongos, all taken since she retired in alleged pain from writing fake profiles.

You have to wonder about someone who sues her employer for damage to her wrists, then turns around and posts photos of herself engaging in activities that require healthy wrists. Obviously, all those fake profiles damaged more than her wrists. It spread to her brain.

There's a lesson in all of this. In fact, probably more than one. Let's try to sort them out.

For example, it's possible to make \$100 million out of nothing. (Oh, and Noel Biderman is happily married and 100 per cent faithful to his wife. Do as I say...)

Or if that profile "WillingToBeWhateverYouWant-MeToBe365" sounds too good to be true, it is.

Or Dorian? Why didn't you listen to your lawyer when he told you not to go on Facebook with the bongos?

Or you still don't understand that the Internet is hazardous to your health, and not just your wrists? Tried bird watching?

Or how about: It's still the same old story, the fundamental things apply: Baloney's still baloney, as time goes by.

ZOOM

Up in smoke, so no smoking up



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Seized Afghan narcotics burned

More than 20 tonnes of drugs and thousands of bottles of alcohol were burned by Afghan authorities in their fight against the narcotics trade amid a fresh surge in opium cultivation.

Government officials, ambassadors and military commanders gathered on a mountainside outside Kabul to burn the drugs, which were seized from smugglers in recent months. **METRO**

Narcotics burned

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2,000

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10,000

kg of hashish

Afghan opium

- Afghanistan produces more than 90 per cent of the world's opium, the key ingredient of heroin.
- One kilo of dry opium sells at \$160 to \$200. In contrast, a kilo of wheat pays only 41 cents.
- Since 2001, the U.S. has spent \$6.3 billion to curb the Afghan opium industry.

Government's view

"This event shows our increased capabilities fighting drugs."

Baz Mohammad Ahmadi, Afghan deputy interior minister for counter-narcotic programs

Ahmadi said the drugs were seized over the past 10 months in and around Kabul.

Mohammad Ibrahim Azhar, the deputy counter-narcotics minister, said that opium cultivation had increased this year, but refused to provide details to reporters before the official launch of the upcoming 2013 drugs report.

Clickbait



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From stop-motion to time-lapse to hyper-lapse, there are all sorts of fancy ways to have fun with photos and bring your stills to life. It used to take thousands of dollars of gear, hours of editing and the patience of a saint to pull off those sorts of photographic feats. But the creative folks over at Teehan+Lax labs are bringing hyper-lapse to the people. Using Google Street View, you can instantly create hyper-lapses of just about anywhere the Google cars have travelled. Once you're done mapping your own hometown, take a look at some world-class cities.

Berlin hyper-lapse:

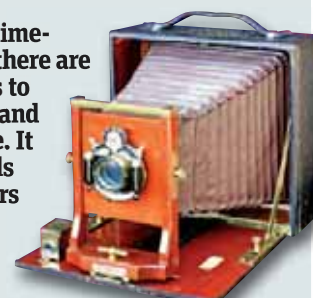
Credited as the vanguard of the hyper-lapse scene, Shahab Gabriel Behzumi's hyper-lapse of Berlin is said to have popularized the technique.

Welcome to London:

This hyper-lapse film made by Mattia Bicchi Photography shows London's skyline from Canary Wharf to Tower Bridge over a period of three years.

Paris 2013:

Filmed in April, this hyper-lapse takes you through the streets of Paris from day to night.



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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Metro's Jessica Napier says it's immature to stalk exes on Facebook and watch *Pretty Little Liars*. What do you think is inappropriate for a late-20-something?

@FraserAust: Excessive sleeping around, and at the same time trying

to shame guys into marrying.

@Canucklehead_ca: Try to stay clear of crack pipes. (Drunken stupor or not.)

@BuckyHermit: Or Twitter. Ahem.

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The familiar tale of friends and frenemies intertwined

New movie. The Best Man Holiday follows a traditional formula of rivalries and rekindled romances that are all wrapped up in a reunion



IN FOCUS

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The Return of the Secaucus Seven sees a group of college friends come together 10 years after they were arrested on the way to a 1970 peace protest in Washington D.C.

In the 1979 film they reminisce about the good old days, flirt and establish the basic theme of all reunion movies: "What's a little reunion without a little drama?"

This weekend Terrence Howard, Sanaa Lathan, Taye Diggs and Morris Chestnut are part of a core group of college friends who put that theory to the test in The Best Man Holiday. As IMDB says, expect "long-forgotten rivalries and romances to be ignited."

The idea of seeing old friends and frenemies after a long break offers loads of opportunities for drama and comedy.

Romy and Michele's High School Reunion played their high school 10th anniversary get together for laughs. The pair of friends big up their



The Best Man Holiday opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

One more

More somber is Young Adult, a Charlize Theron dramedy about Mavis Grey (Theron), a ghostwriter of novels for teens who accepts an invite for a baby shower from her high school ex-boyfriend, hoping that he will fall back

in love with her during their reunion.

- **Quote on Young Adult.** "Sometimes in order to heal," Charlize Theron says, "A few people have to get hurt."

post Grade 12 adventures in an effort to intimidate their old friends.

"Well, I thought the whole point of going to the reunion was to impress people," says

Michele (Lisa Kudrow). "I mean, how am I gonna impress anybody by selling ban-lon smocks at Bargain Mart."

National Lampoon's Class Reunion takes a different

comedic approach to the subject.

Mixing murder with nostalgia, it's the story of Walter Baylor (Blackie Dammett, father of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' singer Anthony Kiedis), an unhinged nerd seeking revenge during his 10th high school reunion as payback for a mean prank played on him during senior year.

"One more move and she gets a hole where she doesn't need one," says Walter.

Grosse Pointe Blank takes a more wistful approach to post school socials. John

Cusack plays a mysterious graduate who has a life changing epiphany 10 years after graduation.

"You know," he says, "when you started getting invited to your 10-year high school reunion, time is catching up."

Complicating matters is his job. He's a hit man.

"What am I gonna say? 'I killed the president of Paraguay with a fork. How've you been?'"

He's hired to bump off the father of his high school girlfriend for whom he still has feelings.

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Julia Roberts

Julia's not gonna read your #hate

Don't expect Julia Roberts to join Twitter anytime soon. "It's kind of like cotton candy," she says of social media in an interview with Marie Claire. "It looks so appealing and you just can't resist getting in there, and then you just end up with sticky fingers and it lasted an instant." Actually, Roberts seems to stay away from the Internet in general as much as possible, making a point of not Googling herself or reading comments on articles about her. "I have too much potential for collapse. There's an anonymity that makes people feel safe to participate in hatefulness," she explains. "I like a good old-fashioned fistfight if people are pissed off at each other."

The Word

Stickers? Suckers? A tablecloth run amok? Fashion folks try to decode Jennifer's dress

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Look. I am solidly in the Jennifer Lawrence Can Do No Wrong camp. She could wear a coonskin cap and shoes made out of coconut husks and I'd be like, "Brava!" But the critics don't feel the way I do about JLaw — they are after the actress big time about the Christian Dior dress she wore to the U.K. premiere of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* on Monday in London. "It honestly looks like someone crushed a bunch of multi-coloured suckers and stuck them onto the bottom half of this dress," opined one blogger. And in a post titled, *Catching Fire Premiere Or A Project Runway Fashion Show (You Make The Call)*, Dlisted asked, "How can you explain wearing Sandra Lee's



best tablecloth (she needs it back for her Glitzy Glamour

Christmas tablescape) to a movie premiere?"

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Russ needs to play fair, and Leo can't play at all: Thus sayeth Clooney

George Clooney is still pretty sore about Russell Crowe bashing him in the press back in 2005. "He picked a fight with me. He started it for no reason at all," Clooney tells *Esquire* magazine. "He put out this thing saying, 'George Clooney, Harrison Ford and Robert De Niro are sellouts.' He really went after me. And so I sent him a note going, 'Dude, the only people who succeed when two famous people are fighting is *People* magazine. What the f— is wrong with you?'"

The Gravity star also thinks Leonardo DiCaprio should spend more time practising basketball and less time boasting about his skills on the court. "The discrepancy between their game



George Clooney

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and how they talked about their game made me think of how important it is to have someone in your life to tell you what's what," Clooney says of a pickup game with the Titanic star in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. "I'm not sure if Leo has someone like that."

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Many devout Catholics and spirited hikers make the popular 500-mile trek in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, the final resting place of St James. Fast food icons have inspired equally lengthy quests with their faithful lured by righteous burgers, Japanese hot dogs, and crunchy habit-forming Korean chicken wings.

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Umami Burger

There's sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and then there's umami. The fifth dimension of taste is a subtle yet savory yumminess known to inspire hour-long lines. This now bicoastal, but still California centric, artisanal burger emporium has a dozen meaty options at each location but you can never go wrong with a standard Umami burger topped with roasted tomato, shiitake mushrooms, caramelized onions and a parmesan crisp.

Where to satisfy the craving: Palo Alto's location has a library theme, drawing bookish decor cues from close by Stanford University. Do some high tech networking in Silicon Valley and then grab a hold of one of Umami's high-concept burgers by its lightly toasted soft Portuguese buns.

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Fast food meccas in North America

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White Castle

Slider nirvana White Castle, the beefy grail at the end of the first Harold & Kumar movie, is a cathedral of aromatic mini-burgers where a group gorge on a 20-burger order isn't anything to bat a lash at. While they have a formidable presence in the Northeast, their steam-grilled stronghold is in the Midwest. The drawbridge was lowered on the first White Castle in Wichita in 1921.

Where to satisfy the craving: Kansas hasn't had any locations for years but there are a ton in Missouri, so hit St. Louis, scope out the gateway arch and treat yourself to at least a half-dozen of the itty-bitty burger beauties.

In-N-Out Burger

Even if you've never had the pleasure of acquainting your taste buds with the burger bliss that has created a food revolution, you're probably familiar with their not-so-secret menu. Additions to the sparse menu board include the 4 X 4 (a quad-decker) and Protein Style (bun-less lettuce wrap).

Where to satisfy the craving: While the chain is spreading eastward, the L.A. area remains In-N-Out central.

Japadog

Spearheading a Japanese-style franks invasion, Vancouver-based Japadogs dresses up all beef dogs, brats and kurobuta (the "kobe beef of pork") with snazzy toppings. Their Terimayo dog, garnished with teriyaki, mayo and seaweed, started the craze.


Where to satisfy the craving: Vansterdam's street carts lit the fuse on this foodie frenzy-starter but their first restaurant location at 530 Robson St. offers a more expansive menu. They've also got a Manhattan outpost.

BonChon

Buffalo's stranglehold on the mantle of best chicken wings in the world appears to be slipping as this Busan South Korea export continues to sizzle. They utilize an Asian frying technique that calls for a thinner batter and sub blue cheese for soy-garlic.

Where to satisfy the craving: BonChon's crunchy wing joints have sprung up in Thailand and all over the Philippines but there's also five locations in the New York area and another handful in New Jersey.


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Websites like couchsurfing.com and airbnb.com are seeing increased use by travellers anxious to save on their accommodation costs by skipping hotels and bunking in with the locals. If you are eager to make some extra money and wouldn't mind having strangers sleeping in your spare room, here's how to get started.

It costs nothing to sign up but ensure you spend time making your listing enticing to potential guests. Keep your title catchy and concise. Upload quality photos of your space — don't use blurry cellphone snaps. The description of your place should include details on local attractions, the neighbourhood and information on public

transit. Fill out the house rules section so that your guests can understand what is expected of them before booking. Do they have to arrive before dinner? Is it lights out after midnight? Are pets allowed? Once the booking is confirmed, Airbnb does not allow you to impose any further rules.

It is up to you to decide how much you charge. To get an idea of pricing search for similar listings in your neighbourhood. You can set different prices for nightly, weekly and monthly stays, as well as seasonal pricing. You may want to consider imposing a cleaning fee as part of your costs. Airbnb takes a three per cent fee for each reservation, which they say covers the cost of processing the transaction.

Quick and thorough communication with guests before they arrive is essential. Check out their profiles and reviews on the website to ensure you are comfortable welcoming them to your home. You can always say no, however, make sure you respond one way or another.

Brewers toast new liquor laws

Vancouver.

Microbrewers get a boost as they begin to open lounges

About once a week, Scott Greff walks a block and a half from where he lives in Vancouver's trendy Main Street district, a large glass growler in hand, to a small brewery nestled between an otherwise unremarkable strip of offices, storage bays and auto shops.

Inside the three-month-old tasting room at 33 Acres Brewing Co., Greff can fill up his growler with about two litres of any of the microbrewery's three different varieties (his favourite is 33 Acres of Life, a hybrid between a lager and ale). If he isn't in a hurry, he can grab a glass of beer to stay, like he did on this recent fall evening.

Even on a weeknight, the brewery is teeming with people, either saddled up to the bar or huddled around several tables in a sparsely decorated white-coloured tasting room that has an almost rustic cafe-



Pints at the 33 Acres Brewing Co. tasting lounge in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

teria feel. Outside, a popular food truck sells fish tacos, leaving an aroma of hops and salsa hanging in the air.

There are countless bars and restaurants just a few blocks away, but instead, Greff is here, sipping on a beer that was brewed in a production room on the other side of the taps. "It's a lot more casual," says Greff. "It's between a coffee shop and a pub. ... And I love the idea of a growler ... getting it to go."

33 Acres is one of a growing number of microbreweries and

distilleries that have opened up in recent years as Vancouver undergoes something of a craft beer renaissance, with more than a dozen operations either open or expected to open soon, largely sprinkled throughout the rapidly gentrifying industrial areas that skirt the city's downtown core.

And the city's breweries — not to mention craft beer aficionados — are about to receive a boost, thanks to new liquor laws that will allow them to open full-scale lounges, serving more of their own products on

site. Up until this year, provincial and municipal liquor laws allowed breweries and distilleries to operate scaled-down tasting rooms that allowed customers to give products a try. They could give away all the free samples they wanted, but could legally only sell each customer a single 12-ounce glass before cutting them off.

This past spring, the B.C. government updated its legislation to allow so-called tasting lounges, effectively lifting the 12-ounce cap. The City of Vancouver, which finalized its updated bylaws in July, says it expects to eventually hand out at least 15 tasting lounge licences to local breweries and distillers.

Josh Michnik, one of the owners of 33 Acres, says there's something special about getting the beer directly from the people who make it.

"I think it's going that way in multiple industries, not just craft brewing, but also local foods and local craft distilleries — local everything," he says.

"If people can get their products made by their neighbour, why wouldn't you?"

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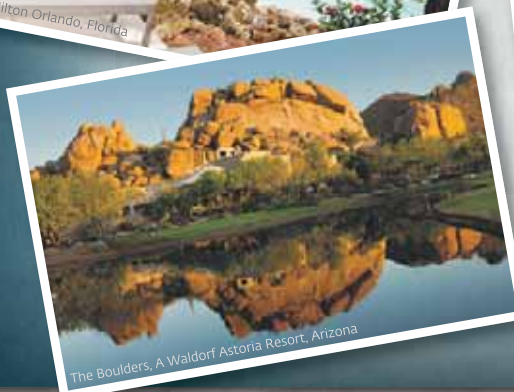
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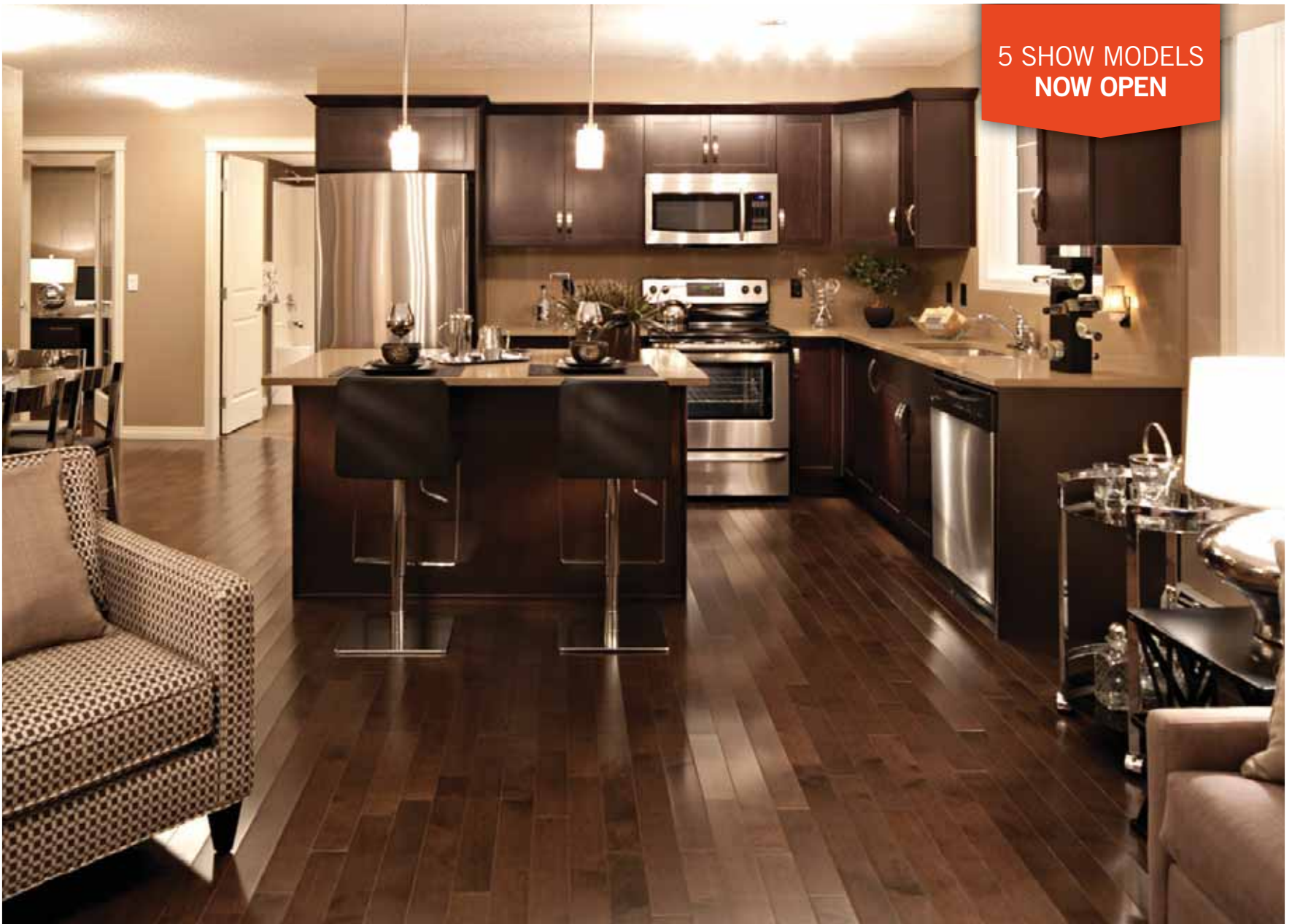
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